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7. [] I called Bill Jones, Government Activities Subcommittee, House Committee on Government Operations, in follow up of my last contact with him concerning SAT and Air America and told him that Air America was not certificated and responded to his question that the sale of SAT was going forward. He did not respond to my observation that he was maybe in a better position than I to know whether interveners were now satisfied.

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I asked Jones how he would like us to handle the letter to Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Texas) concerning the Agency's disposal authority which GSA Administrator, Arthur F. Sampson, had referred to Mr. Colby. In light of my prior offers in this connection, Jones said he would check with Brooks to find out what the next steps might be, i. e., briefing of Brooks or of Jones, a written reply, or a possible joint meeting with Brooks, CIA and GSA. In connection with the possible joint meeting with GSA, Jones differed with my interpretation of Sampson's letter to Brooks, saying that he thought the GSA was saying that the Agency had no authority for the disposal, and I said, while the letter could be interpreted as such, I thought the letter recognized that perhaps the CIA was in the best position to present the legal authorities relied upon for disposal. Mr. Warner was advised and is preparing a legal brief setting forth the Agency's position for possible use with our oversight committees, if this becomes necessary.

8. [] Met with William Hogan, Counsel, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that if we had no objection he would send the transcript of the hearing on S. 2714 on to the printers without review by the Agency. I told him we had no objection and we appreciated his expediting the publication so that the bill could be presented at the earliest possible moment to the full Committee.

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I reviewed with Hogan the current situation relating to the Agency's request to Air Force for deletion of detailed procedures relating to Agency contact with American scientists. He noted that he hoped that Air Force would accede to our request for the reason that he has no desire to bring the Agency into the controversy between [] [] I thanked him for his consideration in the matter.

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